and the victual that remains the merchants are to take as it cost her Majesty

Mr Secretary, almost tired with continual labour and pains, desires leave to go to Theobalds for 6 or 7 days , but it can hardly be granted for he cannot be spared

September THE ADVICE OF THE CAPTAINS IN IRELAND

On the 2ist August the Lord Deputy held a Council of war at Dublin Castle, and there propounded his purpose of invading Ulster and bade the captains to deliver their opinions After long debating, every one having spoken in order, at last by common consent all concluded that the service offered httle or no hope and advised against it They alleged two reasons in particular , that the army is so unwilling to be carried thither that some secretly run into England, others revolt to the rebels, a third sort partly hide themselves in the country and partly feign themselves sick Moreover the army which passeth not the number of 3,500 or 4,000 of serviceable men would be far overmatched. This opinion being delivered, all the commanders and captains subscribed their names thereto Nevertheless my Lord proposeth to take the field against the arch-traitor

426 *September* TRAINING CEASED

To-day the training of the citizens tinder their captains is ordered to cease, the alarm of danger having passed away

I2,tb September COURT NEWS.

Mr Cuffe, my Lord of Essex's Secretary, is come over with letters of importance He hath had access to the Queen, and being marvellous well instructed to answer such objections as her Majesty could lay to his charge he hath behaved himself very wisely to her better satisfaction The unkindness

between my Lord and Mr Secretary is grown to extremity , my Lord is said to be infinitely discontented and in his discontentment uses speeches that may be dangerous and hurtful to his safety.

Sir Francis Vere of kte came to Court, and Master Secretary took him to the Queen, with whom he was long and very graciously used Only my Lord Mount joy refrains speaking to him. My Lord of Sussex being in a corner of the Presence, my